

REMARKS

The drawings filed on 10 February 2004 are objected to by the Examiner.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 are allowed.

Claims 10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 11, 12, and 14-18 are indicated as allowable in independent form.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 11, 12, and 14-17 are rewritten in independent form.

Claims 10 and 13 are cancelled.

Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 14-18 remain in the case for consideration.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d) because it is unclear as to what item numeral 108 is referring. The amendment of the specification rectifies this problem. No new matter is added.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the application is now allowable. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

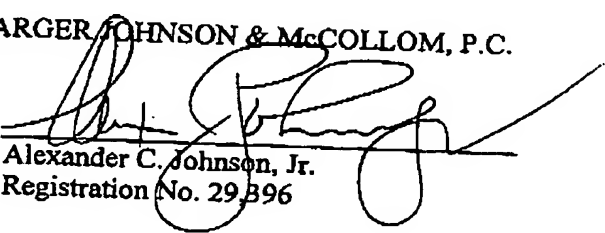
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